



SING IT, STRUM IT, RATTLE and HUM IT!

Music enhances the healthy development of a growing child's mind and body!

Children are natural musicians.

Music builds early language development. Simple songs, rhymes, and rhythm games help children to distinguish sounds, syllables, and the pace of language and to learn new vocabulary.

Children can express themselves through music.

Music is a natural way to experience, communicate and share emotions, as well as support self-regulation skills that can help them manage and regulate their feelings.

It is important that they have the opportunity to listen to many styles of music and to dance, clap, and move to music to show how they feel.

Music is an important part of a child's identity and can boost self-confidence.

Together you can enjoy learning about your own culture and those of others through musical experiences such as participating in musical traditions or attending a cultural festival.

Babies coo and babble; young children clap and sing. Parents can nurture these natural tendencies by listening to and making music together.

Children who spend time exploring music strengthen fundamental cognitive abilities. Music also supports social-emotional skills and offers ways to communicate thoughts and feelings. Singing, listening, playing, or making music together is a fun, social experience and builds connections with others.

When music becomes a part of their everyday lives, children can develop a lifelong love and understanding of its many forms, tempos, and styles. And learning to play an instrument is a skill that can last a lifetime!

EVERYDAY MUSIC GAMES TO PLAY WITH YOUR CHILD:

Use different parts of your body to make music. Encourage children to use their voices, hands, and feet to make different sounds and different sound patterns (clap, clap, tap, tap).

Clap, hum, whistle, giggle. When you string fun sounds together, you're making music!

Create a music pattern and guess what comes next. Add spice to your conversations with "call and response" singing.

Use music to signal events in the day, such as singing a rhyme at bath or teeth-brushing time or making up a lullaby during bedtime!

Perhaps even create an operetta and sing the retelling of the day's events.

Play simple instruments such as rattles or bells; make drums with dried beans in oatmeal cans or turn over plastic containers from the cupboard and grab wooden spoons. Make the music that's in you.

Visit a music store to explore age-appropriate instruments and find out about music-learning resources for your whole family.

Early childhood is a critical time to support children's natural desire to sing, move, and play with sound. Furthermore, research shows that music and music experiences support the formation of important brain connections that are being established over the first three years of life (Carlton, 2000).

For more information on the benefits of playing music and to locate a music education program in your area, visit NAMMFoundation.org.

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¡CANTA, TOCA, SACUDE Y TARAREA!

Los niños son músicos por naturaleza.

Los bebés arrullan y balbucean; los niños pequeños aplauden y cantan.

Los padres pueden fomentar estas tendencias, escuchando y haciendo música juntos. Los niños que exploran la música, fortalecen habilidades cognitivas fundamentales. Además, la música fortalece las destrezas socio-emocionales. Cantar, escuchar, tocar o hacer música juntos es una experiencia divertida y social que fomenta las conexiones con los demás.

Cuando la música se convierte en una parte del día a día, los niños desarrollan interés y entendimiento de sus varias formas, ritmos y estilos. ¡Aprender a tocar un instrumento es una habilidad que puede durar para toda la vida!

JUEGOS MUSICALES PARA JUGAR CON SUS NIÑOS CADA DÍA:

Usen diferentes partes del cuerpo para hacer música. Anime a los niños a usar sus voces, manos y pies para hacer distintos sonidos y ritmos (aplauso, aplauso, golpe, golpe).

Aplaudan, tarareen, silben, rían. Cuando mezclan los sonidos juntos, ¡hacen música!

Crean un ritmo musical y adivinen qué sigue. Animen sus conversaciones con una canción "llama y responde".

Toquen instrumentos sencillos, como los cascabeles o las campanitas; hagan tambores con frijoles secos dentro de recipientes de avena o den vuelta a recipientes de plástico y, con cucharas de madera, saquen la música que hay dentro de ustedes.

Visiten una tienda de música para explorar los instrumentos que sean apropiados para su edad y saber sobre los recursos musicales para la familia.

Usen la música para señalar eventos del día, cantando rimas durante el baño o al lavarse los dientes. Inventen una canción de cuna a la hora de dormir o una opereta para recountar los eventos del día.

La niñez es un período crítico para apoyar el deseo del niño de cantar, moverse y jugar con el sonido. Además, estudios demuestran que las experiencias musicales fomentan la formación de importantes conexiones en el cerebro que se establecen durante los primeros tres años de vida (Carlton, 2000).

Para más información sobre los beneficios de tocar música y para ubicar programas musicales en su área, visite: NAMMFoundation.org.

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